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The Honorable William Proxmire  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Priorities  
and Economy in Government  
Joint Economic Committee  
United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Proxmire:

Your letter of 24 April discussed the points the Subcommittee would like covered when we present our briefing on the allocation of resources in the Soviet Union and China. We are preparing for this briefing and plan to present it on 18 June.

Your letter also set forth fourteen questions which you asked that we answer before the briefing. Dr. Proctor, the Deputy Director for Intelligence, subsequently met with you and members of your staff to discuss these questions and other matters of interest to the Subcommittee. He explained that we could not respond to questions 3, 4 and 8 because the pertinent data are not available. With respect to question 8 regarding Soviet research and development, we are able to provide some background on Soviet practices in the development and selection of competitive weapon systems.

The answers to the rest of your questions are enclosed as is an unclassified study comparing US and Soviet consumption. This study, although more than ten years old, remains a useful benchmark and describes our methodology.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosures: as stated

LETTER TO: The Honorable William Proxmire  
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SUBJECT : Reply to Senator Proxmire's letter of 24  
April requesting data on allocation of  
resources in the Soviet Union and China

CONCUR:

[Redacted Signature]

Deputy Director for Intelligence

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